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Albert Einstein Collection, 1913-1975 (bulk 1930-1955): Finding Aid

Summary Information

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Size:	1.67 linear feet (1 half-size archival box, 1 17"x21" print box)
Language(s) of material:	English.
Abstract:	Consists of a wide range of miscellaneous material by or about the Nobel Prize-winner and world famous physicist Albert Einstein, including correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, drawings, ephemera, and printed material.

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Biography of Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein was born at Ulm, in Wu#rttemberg, Germany. He studied in Zurich, Switzerland, and in 1901, the year he gained his diploma, he acquired Swiss citizenship. He became a German citizen in 1914 and remained in Berlin until 1933 when he renounced his citizenship for political reasons and immigrated to America to take the position of Professor of Theoretical Physics at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J. He became a United States citizen in 1940 and retired from his post in 1945. He died on April 18, 1955, in Princeton.

Description

The collection consists of miscellaneous material by or about Einstein: correspondence, manuscripts and typescripts, photographs, drawings, articles and offprints, ephemera, and newspaper clippings. The material is chiefly in English, with a few items in German. Correspondents include Isaac Aschkenazy, Charles Bradford, Hermann Broch, Edward U. Condor, William Karraker, H. N. Russell, Lyman Spitzer, and William M. Whitney. Manuscripts include poems in German and in English, and an address delivered at Swarthmore College in June, 1938. There are photographs of Einstein with Mrs. Erich Von Kahler at the Kahler's house and of Einstein with Ghandi, Nehru, and others, and there are drawings of Einstein by Meinhard Jacoby, Arzell Thompson, Jr., and "J.C.T.".

Arrangement

Arranged in accession number order.

Access and Use

Access

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Acquisition and Appraisal

Custodial History

The collection was formed as a result of a Departmental practice of combining into one collection material of various accessions relating to a particular person, family, or subject.

Processing and Other Information

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

Finding aid written by James Flannery on January 24, 2006.

Encoding

Machine-readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002 by James Flannery on January 24, 2006.

Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Subject Headings

These materials have been indexed in the [Princeton University Library online catalog](#) using the following terms. Those seeking related materials should search under these terms.

- Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955.
- Correspondence.
- Drawings.
- Ephemera.
- Manuscripts.
- Photographs.
- History of science